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E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OEXC, UR

SUBJ: EXCHANGES: AUGMENTED AGREEMENT

REF: MOSCOW 5444

1. RE YOUR QUERY PARA 3 A OF REFTTEL, WE PROPOSED ADVANCE VISAS APPLICATION DEADLINE FROM 20 TO 25 DAYS TO ALLOW ADEQUATE TIME FOR ORDERLY PROCESSING OF SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASED VOLUME OF VISA APPLICATIONS BY EXCHANGE VISITORS. HOWEVER, DEPARTMENT IS FLEXIBLE ON 25 DAY PROPOSAL, ESPECIALLY IN CERTAIN CATEGORIES OF EXCHANGE VISITS. YOU MAY INFORM MFA THAT WE PREPARED TO CONSIDER COMPROMISE CALLING FOR 25- DAY LEAD TIME IN CASES OF LONG- TERM VISITORS (30 DAYS OR LONGER) AND SHORTER PERIOD PROPOSED BY SOVIETS IN CASES OF SHORT- TERM VISITORS (30 DAYS OR LESS). IF WE TO ACCEPT REDUCED NOTIFICATION TIME FOR SHORT TERM VISITORS, HOWEVER, WE WOULD EXPECT SOVIETS AT TIME OF INITIAL VISA APPLICATION TO PROVIDE FULL INFORMATION REGARDING NAME AND US ADDRESS OF SPONSOR, LENGTH

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OF STAY IN US, AND PRINCIPAL POINTS ON US ITINERARY.

2. RE ARTICLE VI PARAGRAPH 7 (EXHIBITIONS), INTENT OF WORDING IS TO PROVIDE FOR SHOWING OF EXHIBIT(S) IN TOTAL OF NINE CITIES DURING AGREEMENT PERIOD. WHETHER ONE EXHIBIT WOULD SHOW IN ALL NINE CITIES OR TWO IN COMBINATION

OF CITIES TOTALING NINE WOULD BE DETERMINED THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS. FYI. WE WISH RETAIN FLEXIBILITY ON THIS POINT AT THIS TIME. IF TWO EXHIBITS ARE SHOWN, CITY BREAKDOWN MIGHT BE FIVE AND FOUR. END FYI.

3. PLEASE ADVISE MFA REACTION SOONEST.

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